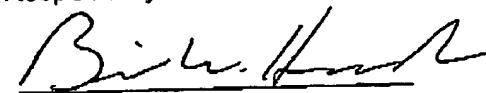


Applicant has already paid excess claim fees to be examined in the present application. All the claims are classified in class 702. Furthermore, the claimed apparatuses are all very similar, with the input and output data being different, but also very similar. Both independent Claims 46 and 63 claim an input means, storage means, processing/identifying means, and output means. Furthermore, while dependent Claim 77 is directed to an apparatus for determining a level in a risk assessment, including obtaining means and comparing means, independent Claim 82 is directed to a method of determining a level of confidence in a risk assessment, including the step of obtaining a weighting and comparing the weighting. Surely, the same search will be made for these two claims. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

If the restriction requirement is not withdrawn, the Applicant requests a refund of the excess claim fees previously paid when the application was filed.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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